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ANALYSIS IN FINANCING EXPORT  
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STATUS INQUIRY

This application has been pending for nearly four years.  
The attorney's office has telephoned several times regarding  
status (October 2003, October 1, 2004 and January 7, 2005). We  
were informed that the application went to the examiner, Vincent  
Millen, Art Unit 3624, in April 2002. Attempts have been made to  
contact the examiner, unsuccessfully.

Nearly four years is an extraordinarily long time for an  
application to be pending without any action from an examiner.  
It is requested that the PTO inform the undersigned attorney as  
to the present status of the case, and to expedite processing in  
view of this extremely long delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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